

Benesch Ranks First In Mid-Level Associate Survey

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CLEVELAND, OHIO - August 1, 2007 - For the second year in a row, the law firm of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP has been ranked #1 in the city of Cleveland and ranked within the top 20 in the country by The American Lawyer Mid-Level Associate Survey. Benesch ranked 11th nationally, and was the only Cleveland-headquartered firm to rank within the top 35. The annual survey examined 11 areas that contribute to job satisfaction for the associates including: relations with partners and other associates, the interest and satisfaction level of work, training and guidance, policy on billables, management openness about firm strategies and partnership chances, compensation and benefits, and the respondents' inclination to stay at their firm for at least two more years.

Benesch Managing Partner, Jim Hill, said, "We are pleased to have been ranked first in the city of Cleveland and 11th nationally, as well as having been ranked within the top 20 in the country for the second year in a row. We're pleased to know our firm continues to address in a very positive way, the needs of our associates in their professional careers and personal lives. The success of our firm, both internally and externally, is very much associated with the satisfaction of our attorneys, and we strive to try to maintain an environment in which our associates can thrive and prosper."

In the last year, Benesch has grown both exponentially and geographically, with the addition of 21 new attorney hires and the opening of offices in Philadelphia, Shanghai and Wilmington.

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